

University of Tübingen exam regulations for the study program in Palaeolithic Archaeology culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M. Sc.) – Special Provisions –

In accordance with §§ 19 paragraph (1) sentence 2 nos. 7 and 9, 32 paragraph (3) of the law governing institutions of higher education, LHG of 1 January 2005 (GBl. p. 1), in the version published 1 April 2014 (GBl. p. 99) most recently amended by article 1 of the law dated 26.10.2021 (GBl. p. 941), the University of Tübingen Senate on ... passed the Special Provisions of these exam regulations for the study program in Palaeolithic Archaeology at the University of Tübingen culminating in an examination for a Master of Science (M. Sc.) degree.

Approved by the President on ...

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A. Validity of General Provisions and admission requirements

§ 1 Validity of General Provisions

The University of Tübingen exam regulations for Master's degree programs culminating in the academic degree of Master of Science (M.Sc.) / Master of Arts (M.A.) – Master's degree framework exam regulations (MRPO) – as amended represent the General Provisions of these exam regulations and are an integral part of them, insofar as no more specific provisions have been made.

§ 2 Requirements for admission to program

(1) ¹A prerequisite for studies in this Master's program is a Bachelor's degree in the subject of Archaeology, in a related program covering basically the same material, or an equivalent degree. ²The respective board of examiners will decide on the equivalency of a degree. ³The board of examiners may transfer the making of this decision revocably to the head of the board. ⁴If there is a set number for admission, the statutes may specify that the selection committee formed for the relevant selection process decides instead.

(2) To take part in the Master's program, applicants must document knowledge of English at least at the level of B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

B. Goals, content and structure of the program

§ 3 Goals and contents of program, regular duration of study, scope of program

(1) ¹Studies in Master of Science program (M. Sc.) in Palaeolithic Archaeology (hereinafter: the program) enable students to acquire the specific qualifications, competencies, knowledge, abilities and skills required for a Master's degree in the subject of Palaeolithic Archaeology under § 7 (1) of the Master's degree framework exam regulations. ²The objective of the degree program is to deepen or expand the knowledge acquired in the Bachelor's degree program, thus providing the basis for the development and/or application of the student's own ideas (application or research-oriented); graduates possess a broad, detailed and critical understanding at the cutting edge of knowledge in one or more specialized fields and are able to

- apply their knowledge and understanding as well as their problem-solving skills in new and unfamiliar situations related to their field of study in a wider or multidisciplinary context (instrumental competencies),
- to integrate knowledge and deal with complexity,
- and to make academically sound decisions on the basis of incomplete or limited information, taking into account social, scientific and ethical findings resulting from the application of their knowledge and from their decisions,
- to acquire new knowledge and skills independently and to carry out largely self-directed and/or autonomous independent research- or application-oriented projects (systemic competencies)
- to communicate their conclusions and the information and motives underlying them to expert representatives and laypersons in a clear and unambiguous manner, to exchange information, ideas, problems and solutions with both experts and laypersons on a scientific level and to assume prominent responsibility in a team (communicative competencies).

³Further details of the course objectives are set out in the module handbook.

(2) ¹The regular duration of study for this degree program is 4 semesters. ²The program comprises 120 credit points (CP).

(3) ¹Over and above the number of credit points prescribed for the degree program according to these regulations, students may obtain no more than a 30 additional credit points from the degree program modules specified in § 5 (1); in all other respects, § 2, para. (5) of the Master's degree framework exam regulations applies.

§ 4 Academic degree

The academic degree "Master of Science" (abbr. "M.Sc.") is awarded on the basis of a successful completion of a Master of Science examination (hereinafter: M. Sc.).

§ 5 Structure of the Master's program

1Students complete a program to earn credit points as set out in § 3 para. (2); the program consists of the following modules:

Se me ste r no	Module no.	P/ WP	Module title	Work for assessme nt	C P
Modules at the University of Tübingen					
1	ART 01	P	Theories and Methods in Archaeology	K	6
1	ART 02	P	Introduction to Stone Age Archaeology	K	6
1	ART 03	P	Stone Age Society & Ideology	mP	6
1	ART 04a	WP	Introduction to Archaeobotany and Paleoethnobotany	written	6
1	ART 04b	WP	Introduction to Archaeometry	written	6
1	ART 04c	WP	Introduction to Geoarchaeology	written	6
1	ART 04d	WP	Introduction to Paleoanthropology	written	6
1	ART 04e	WP	Introduction to Paleogenetics	written	6
1	ART 04f	WP	Introduction to Zooarchaeology	written	6
1	ART 05	P	Archaeological Practices 1: Fieldworks, Laboratories and Excursions.	-	6
Modules at Aix-Marseille Université and Sapienza - Università di Roma (see sentence 6 and § 6)					
2	-	P	Modules at Sapienza - Università di Roma according to module handbook	see module handbook	30
3	-	P	Modules at Aix-Marseille Université according to module handbook	see module handbook	30
Final module section at the University of Tübingen or at Aix-Marseille Université or at Sapienza - Università di Roma					
4	ART 14	P	Master's thesis (final module)	Master's thesis	30

Notes: FS = recommended semester (subject to availability and change, see module handbook); module no. = current module no. or abbreviation (subject to change, see module handbook), P = compulsory, WP = required elective, CP = credit points, K = written exam, H = assignment; mP = oral exam.

2One elective module must be selected. 3The required modules and coursework to be completed at Aix-Marseille Université and/or at Sapienza - Università di Roma are set out in the respective institutions' current module handbooks.

§ 6 Module coursework

1Details of the module coursework required in each of the modules is set out in the module table in these regulations (§ 5) and in the module handbook. 2Assessment must be clearly specified as to its type and scope, if this is not set out in the module table. 3The required modules and coursework to be completed at Aix-Marseille Université and at Sapienza - Università di Roma are set out in the respective institutions' current module handbooks; they will be completed and assessed according to the regulations at Aix-Marseille Université and der Sapienza - Università di Roma respectively, and they shall be accredited at the University of Tübingen.

§ 7 Languages of instruction and examination

1English is the language of instruction and examination in the program. 2Furthermore, teachers and examiners may promote and/or conduct classes and/or module coursework in another language for the purpose of teaching that language. 3Exams are usually conducted in the language in which the relevant classes were held; other assessment is usually conducted in the language in which the relevant classes were held. 4It is therefore assumed that students have sufficient knowledge of the relevant languages.

C. Special provisions for the final module

§ 8 Final module

(1) 1The student decides at which of the three participating universities the final module will be completed. 2The respective local regulations of the respective partner university apply to the carrying out and completion of the final module. 3If the final module is completed at the University of Tübingen, the MRPO and the following regulations apply.

(2) 1In the final module, 30 credit points must be obtained. 2Of these, 20 CP are obtained in the Master's thesis and 10 CP in the oral examination in the final module in the form of a final colloquium as part of the Master's thesis process. 3The Master's thesis and the oral examination in the final module are regulated by § 28 MRPO.

(3) The time limit for writing a Master's thesis - from the issuing of the topic to submission of the thesis - is six months.

(4) Notwithstanding § 28 (5) sentence 1 MRPO, the Master's thesis is to be written in English; the board of examiners will decide on applications to write the thesis in any other language.

(5) 1The Master's thesis is supervised by two supervisors; they must be from two of the three participating universities. 2In all other matters, § 28 (6) MRPO applies.

(6) The oral exam in the final module under para. (1) is assessed by 2 examiners and takes place without the additional presence of an observer; for grading, § 19 MRPO applies.

(7) The duration of the oral examination in the final module is 30 minutes.

D. Deadlines for examinations in the program

§ 9 Deadline for completion of studies

1All module coursework required under the exam regulations must be completed by the end of the student's seventh semester in the subject. 2If this time limit is exceeded, the student's right

to be examined is lost, unless the failure to meet the deadline is beyond the control of the student.

E. Master's overall grade, certificate and other documentation

§ 10 Calculation of the Master's overall grade

¹The overall grade for the program is calculated from the average of all graded modules, as weighted by credit points. ²Notwithstanding § 19 (3) sentence 3 MRPO, calculation takes into account whole numbers and the first two decimal places only; all further decimal places are deleted with no rounding.

§ 11 Certificate and other documentation

Along with the details provided for under § 36 par. 1 MRPO, the following details are entered:

- the statement: "In addition to this certificate from the University of Tübingen, graduates are awarded certificates from Aix-Marseille Université and Sapienza - Università di Roma."

F. Special regulations for cooperations with other institutions of higher education

§ 12 Written assessment

(1) § 17 (2) sentence 1 no. 1 MRPO is to be read in such a way that only those who are enrolled at the University of Tübingen or the Aix-Marseille Université or the Sapienza - Università di Roma in accordance with the current version of the University of Tübingen's cooperation agreement with Aix-Marseille Université and Sapienza - Università di Roma in its current version may be admitted to module-specific assessment in the degree program.

(2) ¹Assessed work at Aix-Marseille Université and der Sapienza - Università di Roma will be completed and assessed according to the respective regulations there. ²This also applies to the authority and appointment of the examiners there.

(3) ¹A piece of module-specific assessment completed at Aix-Marseille Université passes if it is given the grade (mention) "passable" (10.0) or better. ²A piece of module-specific assessment completed at Sapienza - Università di Roma passes if it is given the grade (voto) "sufficiente" (18.0) or better. ³Assessment completed at Aix-Marseille Université or Sapienza - Università di Roma are recognized at the University of Tübingen in accordance with the cooperation agreement of the University of Tübingen with the Aix-Marseille Université and the Sapienza - Università di Roma in its current version. ⁴The assessment and grades of the semesters completed in France and Italy are credited and shown as an aggregate.

§ 13 Conversion of grades

In addition to the regulations set out in § 19 MRPO for the evaluation of coursework, the conversion of grades within the framework of the cooperation with Aix-Marseille Université and Sapienza - Università di Roma is based on the table in attachment 1 of these study and exam regulations.

§ 14 Certificates, other documentation and corrections to documents

¹§ 24, §§ 35-37 MRPO apply with the proviso that they refer to the University of Tübingen study program and Master's degree. ²The awarding of the French "Master" and the issuance of certificates, degree certificates and other documentation by Aix-Marseille Université are subject to the regulations there. ³The awarding of the Italian "Master" and the issuance of certificates, degree certificates and other documentation by Sapienza - Università di Roma are subject to the regulations there.

G. Closing remarks

§ 15 Effective date

¹These exam regulations come into effect on the date of their publication in the University of Tübingen's official bulletin, the Amtliche Bekanntmachungen. ²Their first semester of validity is the summer semester of 2023.

H. Attachments

Attachment 1: Grade conversion table

Aix-Marseille Université (AMU), Sapienza – Università di Roma, University of Tübingen (UT)

AMU	Sapienza	UT
17.00 – 20.00	laude	1.0
16.9	30	1.1
16.8	30	1.1
16.7	30	1.1
16.6	30	1.2
16.5	30	1.2
16.4	30	1.2
16.3	30	1.3
16.2	30	1.3
16.1	30	1.3
16.0	30	1.4
15.9	29.9	1.4
15.8	29.8	1.4
15.7	29.7	1.5
15.6	29.6	1.5
15.5	29.5	1.5
15.4	29.4	1.6
15.3	29.3	1.6
15.2	29.2	1.6
15.1	29.1	1.7
15.0	29	1.7
14.9	28.9	1.7
14.8	28.7	1.8
14.7	28.6	1.8
14.6	28.4	1.8
14.5	28.3	1.9
14.4	28.1	1.9
14.3	28	1.9
14.2	27.9	2.0
14.1	27.7	2.0
14.0	27.6	2.0
13.9	27.4	2.1
13.8	27.3	2.1
13.7	27.1	2.2
13.6	27	2.2
13.5	26.8	2.3

AMU	Sapienza	UT
13.4	26.6	2.3
13.3	26.5	2.4
13.2	26.4	2.5
13.1	26.2	2.5
13.0	26	2.6
12.9	25.9	2.6
12.8	25.7	2.7
12.7	25.6	2.8
12.6	25.4	2.9
12.5	25.3	3.0
12.4	25.1	3.0
12.3	25	3.0
12.2	24.9	3.1
12.1	24.7	3.1
12.0	24.6	3.1
11.9	24.4	3.2
11.8	24.3	3.2
11.7	24.1	3.2
11.6	24	3.3
11.5	23.8	3.3
11.4	23.6	3.3
11.3	23.5	3.4
11.2	23.4	3.4
11.1	23.2	3.4
11.0	23	3.5
10.9	22.5	3.5
10.8	22	3.6
10.7	21.5	3.6
10.6	21	3.7
10.5	20.5	3.7
10.4	20	3.8
10.3	19.5	3.8
10.2	19	3.9
10.1	18.5	3.9
10.0	18	4.0
0 – 9.9	0 – 17	5.0

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